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In re application of:

Koji IDEI et. al.

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Examiner: L. FERGUSON

For: **PAPER FOR INK JET AND ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDING**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: October 5, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001, applicants request favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application. Claims 1-4 are pending.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over commonly assigned U.S. Patent 5,958,579 to Idei et. al. Further, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over European Patent No. EP 745,488 to Koji et. al. The Examiner apparently did not realize that the first and surname of the inventor was transposed on EP 745,488, nor did he realize that this patent is a family member of Idei et. al. Because EP 745,488 is a family member of Idei et. al. and the disclosures of EP 745,488 and Idei et. al. are identical, Applicants herein address the rejection only as to Idei et. al.